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1. The Bogovina coal mine is situated approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the village of Bogovina, and on the western side of the Boljevac-Podgorac road. The mine is connected with the Zajecar-Paracin narrow gauge railroad by a branch line four kilometers long. The mine is controlled by its own directorate which is located at the mine and is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.

2. The planned annual production norms for 1949 and 1950 are as follows:

1949 - 60,000 tons  
1950 - 70,000 tons

The total 1949 output reached 55,000 tons of brown coal with 15 percent ash content. A major portion of the output is consigned for consumption in the Bor mines, while the remainder is used by the Yugoslav railroads.

## 3. Reserves \*

a. Categories A and B : 120,000 tons

b. Category C : 500,000 tons

## 4. The main factors limiting output are:

- a. Shortage of manpower.
- b. Inefficient management.
- c. Mining methods

## 5. Developments

- a. A new 250 meter shaft has been sunk during the past two years.
- b. A new high tension power line from Zvezdan to the mine has been constructed.
- c. Construction of new administrative and technical offices and numerous new houses for the workers.

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6. The mine is supplied with electric power from the Zevezdan thermo-electric power plant. The power, at 35,000 volts, is carried by a three-phase wire of 35 mm diameter, supported by wooden pylons. The mine also has its own power plant equipped with a steam-powered generator and a 500 PS built-up alternator.
7. Machinery and equipment
- a. Mine
- Two pneumatic compressors  
Two hoists  
Five or six crabs  
Centrifugal pumps  
Electrically operated boring machines of Skoda manufacture, at 125 volts.
- b. Mine railroad
- Two steam locomotives (75 cm. gauge)  
Two bunkers and a loading station
- c. Workshops: Fully equipped with turning lathes, milling and boring machines, and a joiner's shop. All equipment is electrically operated at 380 volts.
- d. Motor transport: The mine has three trucks used for transporting materials and workers.
8. There is a total of approximately nine hundred employees, most of whom are of Rumanian origin from nearby localities. The workers are able to purchase food from local farmers but there is a shortage of living quarters.

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